



WILLIAM W. FLEET,
founder of the Missouri Academy, which he built on
ward and which burned down
years later.



J. A. POTTS,
Missouri's pioneer saddle horse.
and several years ago in
His home was
where he kept

WILLIAM CHASE,
the famous artist. His early home
in Mexico where his brother lived
for a great many years. He was one
of the world's foremost painters.

Here's Marvelous Dinner Dish.
The great national dish of Korea
is cooks. To make it, you plunge
a large lump of ice into a bowl partly
filled with steaming vermicelli of the
finest variety. Over this you pour
a portion of hot beef stew. The ice
melts the beef fat into little islands
of grease, and you never know whether
the portion dangling from the end of
your chopsticks will be icy cold or
burning hot. The vermicelli, which
is very tough, is to be lifted to the
mouth with the chopsticks. Keeping
them hold on it with the lips and
pull, you slip the chopsticks down to
again and take up the stick by
pulling.

Character in the Face.
A command of words and a faculty
for acquiring languages is denoted by
features that are prominent and full under-
neath. A Grecian nose denotes passive
endurance. An energetic person has
long, narrow nostrils, an aquiline nose,
that part of the cheek lying be-
tween the nose and the cheek bone
very prominent. Much space between
the eyebrows and the eye at the outer
corner denotes great love of enjoy-
ment. A square, high, broad forehead
denotes faithfulness.

Dog Lover Never All Bad.
He who loves a dog may not be all
that should be in the qualities of man-
hood, but you may safely bet money
that there is, nevertheless, some-
thing in him that merits respect, albeit
sometimes to be searched for. The
dog gets nearer to the human heart
than any other of earth's unhuman
creatures.

Revealing Their Worth.
The true historical genius, to our
mind, is that which can see the
true meaning of events that are near
at hand, as the true poet is he who detects
the divine in the casual; and we some-
times suspect the depth of his insight
into the past, who cannot recognize
the godlike of today under that dis-
guise in which it always visits us.

Missouri's Capitols



MISSOURI has had eleven "capitol" buildings in three cities. The first was the "Mansion House" in St. Louis, where the first constitutional convention met in June, 1820. The forty-one members of the convention held deliberations for five weeks in the dining room of the hotel.

The second building which Missouri used as a capitol was the "Missouri Hotel," St. Louis, where the first state legislature met in September, 1820. In this building the legislature canvassed the election returns and announced the election of Alexander McNair as Missouri's first governor. It also provided for the selection of a permanent seat of government and named a commission to locate a new capital. In June, 1821, a special session of the legislature was held in St. Charles, the temporary capital. The building was plain, two-story brick, about twenty by thirty feet, with a saddleback roof. It was used until 1826.

In 1825 construction was begun on a capitol in Jefferson City, located on the present site of the Governor's Mansion. This capitol with all its contents was burned in 1857. No pictures of it are extant. The Cole County court house was occupied temporarily after the fire, while a new \$75,000 building—the first to be built on "Capitol Hill"—was constructed in 1837-1838. When finished, this capitol was said to be one of the three handsomest public buildings in the United States.

It was remodeled in 1837-1838; wings were added; and the height of the dome increased. This remodeled building was used until 1911, when it burned. St. Peter's Hall was occupied temporarily by the House, and the Supreme Court was used by the Senate, until a temporary capitol was built in 1912. This temporary building was supplanted by the wonder-ful new capitol in 1918.



GEORGE ROBERTSON,
a prominent Mexico attorney, who died a number of years ago, whose his-
tory of Audrain County is a feature of this edition.

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1821-Still In Old Mizzoury-1921

By "Uncle John" Gaines

I landed here in sixty-two—on a mighty lucky day,
Mizzoury reeked my cradle—'at I sorter—had to stay—
An' later, when she wanted me—without the least excuse
She tied me to the saddle-horn an' turned the critter loose
Right here—in old Mizzoury—
Old, Pioneer—Mizzoury—
That, somehow, cradles everything that Natur' can produce!
I've stuck around for sixty year—without a blame regret—
She spansks me when I'm sassy—an' she soothes me when I fret—
She's allers had the balsam for the sore spot, when I fell—
But, with lots of heaven's glory, there's a little streak of hell
Right here—in old Mizzoury—
In honest old Mizzoury—
That never pulls the trigger, sirs, but what she rings the bell!
She kicks at me—to see me dodge—an' keeps me jumpin' higher—
But Mother-love to draw me back—is all that I require.
There may be little drawbacks in her everlasting plan—
But, with all her crucifixions—she will resurrect her man—
Right here—in old Mizzoury—
Old, stay-at-home—Mizzoury—
That loves her wayward children,—like a lovin' mother can!
In old Mizzoury's climate,—now, she takes a lot of pride—
She knows exactly how to get beneath a feller's hid—
An' when I hear of latitudes that boast of what we lack,
I judge 'em by the fella's that I see a-comin' back—
Right here—in old Mizzoury—
Imperial—Mizzoury—
Where every critter grazes—with his tether runnin' slack!
I ain't forsook her bound'ries, since the day that I was born—
She'll find me true—an' loyal—till Gabriel toots his horn—
With Liberty her Goddess—an' her law the Golden Rule,
We all jine in the anthem—with the old Mizzoury Mule,
All hail! Our old Mizzoury!
Centennial—Mizzoury—
The hotter than the hottest—and the coolest of the cool!

Artificial Leg Affects Watch.

Good watches lose in accuracy by exposure to a magnetic field. A war veteran working in a watch factory found it difficult to keep his watch right. Knowing something of magnetism, it occurred to him that the steel in his artificial leg might be magnetized. He experimented and found this to be the case. He went to an electric light company and had his leg demagnetized. After this treatment his watch kept perfect time.—Popular Science Monthly.

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New England Place Names.

An interesting set of New England place names is drawn from the Bible. In these names, quite as much as in those brought from the home land, the early settlers expressed their deepest selves. Hebron, Gilead, Lebanon, Canaan, Bethlehem, Sharon, Mt. Carmel, Goshen, and Jerusalem are found in Connecticut alone. The names of three women in the parish register of one of these towns were Obedience, Silence, and Mindwell. Clearly, these people had never read, or at least believed, Shakespeare's "What's in a name?"



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What Men Learn.

Another thing the thoughtful man learns after a while as he blunders along through this old vale of tears and laughter, trying to do the best he can under all the circumstances, is to distinguish rather carefully between the reformers who really mean it and the ones who are doing it to make their jobs last.—Ohio State Journal.

Perhaps.

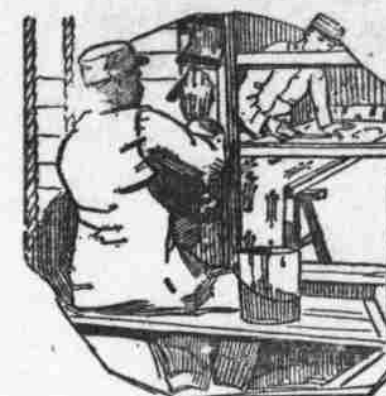
For a fellow who is almost, but not quite, over the verge of baldness a well-selected hair net will probably serve better than a toupee.—Kansas City Star.

Dream Lore.

To dream you are at the equator signifies an abundance of the necessities of life. To farmers it is a good omen, as it promises good weather and fine crops. To merchants it foretells a decrease in business. To cross the equator in a ship, riches if the ship is North bound; poverty if South bound. To see a line where the equator is denotes good business qualifications, success in commercial life.

The Season.

One swallow may not make a summer, but a grasshopper makes several springs.—Cornell Widow.



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